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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

THE BONANZA'S LAY SERMON.

Text: Drop the hammer; take up the spade.

Unfortunately for the time-honored reputation of that respected implement, the hammer, it has of late days become the emblem of the "Knocker."

The "Knocker" is a man whose pessimistic nature impels him to strike a corner or a chunk off every good thing that comes along. It is a worthy deed that has been done, then he very sagely—with knowing wink—informs you of the unworthy motive that lies behind it. Is it a grand achievement, then he cunningly points out to you the accidental circumstances which brought it about. Is it some noble characteristic in a fellow man that is being extolled, then he slings in his "but"—and regretfully mentions the unfortunate weaknesses which accompany it? No matter what it may be that comes up for praise, admiration or gratification; his hammer is out and he must take a crack at it.

We have attributed this disposition to the pessimistic nature of the individual. Upon second thought, we believe we are mistaken. The pessimist has some excuse for his gloomy tendency. To his despondent mind the whole world is on the down grade. Whatever happens, happens for the worst. His heart seems incapable of quickened action. It may be that the assimilation of his food, through a natural defect in some digestive organ is only partial, and in consequence he has not sufficient vital energy to support the least exultation. While he may be unable to trace his trouble to any specific complaint, he is really a walking invalid, with the depressing atmosphere of the sick chamber about him.

But if you will analyze the "knocker" you will discover the underlying trait of his character to be vanity—inordinate, incurable vanity; so blind that it defeats the very purpose it has in view, namely, self-exaltation, and instead excites contempt. This inordinate vanity deludes him into the belief that he displays superior penetration by discovering faults, when others see only virtues. Moreover, this same vanity is more or less wounded by the praise of others, no matter how far they may be removed from his own path in life. To him there is but one man in the world worthy of praise. That man is himself. And even then, should you bestow some upon him, he will be sure to knock a chip or so off with his hammer—partly through habit and partly to show that you are not entirely right. He is usually a very weak vessel, and outside of "knocking" possesses no talent at all—and very little in this.

Sometimes both pessimism, vanity and egotism are found in the same individual. Then you have the sullen, peevish knocker: one who not only discredits your praise, but pretends to show indignation on its bestowal.

The knocker from vanity usually affords us amusements by his "chesty" pomposity. The pessimistic knocker excites our pity; but the knocker compounded of vanity and pessimism calls forth disgust.

Then drop the hammer and take up the spade. The spade is the emblem of beneficent industry and cheerful progress. It is used to turn up the profitless soil, that it may be kissed by the sun and bring forth for man's use and gratification the fruits of the earth.

A word of encouragement to a striving fellow being acts frequently like the timely rain upon the thirsty sprout. The drooping stalk is straightened, the sickly shade is displaced by healthful color, and the blossoms of fruition come forth, which in turn ripens into fruit to gladden the heart of him who has helped it progress. There are none so great as to be above the inspiring help of praise. The poet said:

"The love of praise, how'er concealed by art,
Reigns more or less and glows in ev'ry heart."

"Laugh and the world laughs with you" is not always true. For particulars ask Ben Tillman.

Even "Pitchfork Ben" would be up against it were he to be called upon to clearly define R-E-F-O-R-M.

There is no occupation so fascinating to the foolish-minded individual as to think the world is against him. Bless you—the busy world doesn't know you exist.

And by the way, Mr. Governor of Nevada, in recommending the repeal of laws for so many state officials—how about the gubernatorial chair? Wouldn't a "stick" do just as well? Eh?

It is a sad thing to begin life with low conceptions of it. It may not be possible for a young man to measure life—but it is possible for him to put life to its noblest and best use. Your conscience advises you whether you are "coming clean."

The last chapter in what was perhaps the most bitter political campaign ever waged in Iowa, was enacted yesterday when both houses of the legislature elected Albert B. Cummins junior senator from that state. It is safe to presume the two Republican factions in Iowa will "bury the hatchet"—at least for the present.

Yep—'twould be quite agreeable (to his favored few) to have the state board of assessors abolished, substituting therefore a board of equalization, making same an appointive body, thus giving the governor an opportunity to manufacture one of those highly seasoned plum puddings and—well, bake it well done.

The proposed measure to prohibit gambling in Nevada will probably die a boring.

To look at in in one way, the governor's message, from a reform standpoint, is a great literary stunt; from another view point it savors of a huge joke. But since the governor is an ex-editor he should not be too severely censured for desiring to see his own "dope" in print.

Governor Dickson's Message

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state. Little or nothing has been done in this direction by those who have been appointed to fill the office and for that reason the office has remained vacant for several months.

I recommend that the law creating the office of state auditor be repealed. **STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.** There being no limit fixed by law as to the amount of expenses the commission might incur in the discharge of its duties, the supreme court of Nevada held (State of Nevada vs. Eggers, state controller, 29 Nevada, 469), that the members of the commission could not be reimbursed by the state for moneys expended in defraying traveling and other expenses. Having no funds at its disposal with which to meet necessary expenses, the commission has been of no practical value to the state. It is doubtful if the commission, even with a very liberal appropriation at its disposal, accomplish results sufficient to justify its continuance.

The subject is referred to the legislature for such action as it may deem necessary.

STATE FISH COMMISSION.

I take pleasure in calling your attention to the report of the state fish commission, which tells of the successful work this important branch of the state government has accomplished during the past two years. The value of the work being done by the commission is already appreciable and gives promise of splendid results in the not distant future. The pleasure as well as material benefit our citizens will derive from having our streams well stocked with fish should prompt you to lend encouragement and ample support to the commission.

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The report of the state board of health conveys the pleasing intelligence that Nevada has been free from serious ravages of contagious diseases during the past two years. Of the recommendations made in this report, though all are worthy of your consideration, I call your attention especially to only those bearing upon the importance of enacting a more stringent law to compel county health boards to forward to the state board of health complete and accurate reports of the vital statistics of the various counties each year, and to the necessity of comprehensive pure food legislation, with which recommendations I am in hearty accord.

RAILROAD COMMISSION WORK.

One of the most important and beneficial enactments in the legislative history of the state is the railroad commission law, passed by the last legislature in regular session. This enactment is along the lines of the best modern thought on the subject of railroad regulation, through the medium of state commissions, which have been established in nearly all the states in the union.

The work of the commission has far more than justified its creation. This work is shown fully by the first annual report of the commission up to the time when that report was made. Nominally, the report was only brought down to April 10, 1908, but between the date upon which the copy of the report was given to the printer and the actual issuance of the report in its printed form, the work of the commission proceeded steadily, and with substantial results.

EXPRESS COMPANIES SHOULD BE TAXED.

At the present time express companies operating in Nevada are contributing practically nothing to the public revenues of the state. They should be made to pay taxes, the same as other business enterprises. Their tangible property consists mainly of horses and wagons and office furniture, on which a mere pittance, in the way of taxes, is collected. The business done by these companies is large and highly profitable and there is no conceivable valid reason why they should not bear their just proportion of the cost of government.

I recommend that a law be enacted levying a tax of 4 per cent on the gross receipts of express companies derived from business done in this state.

SAFER BANKING LAWS NEEDED.

The most important question with which the legislature will have to deal is that of sound banking laws. That there is grave need of such laws is attested, not so much by the number of bank failures that have occurred in this state in recent months as by the manner in which these failures have been brought about.

the great majority of cases the failures were due to unreasonably large loans made to favored persons, firms and corporations without proper security. In some instances the securities proved next to worthless. It is needless to say that when the banks making such loans needed money they found it impossible to realize on their securities, failure was inevitable and widespread loss among depositors the result. That is the crux of the entire proposition.

PROTECT THE PUBLIC AGAINST PROMOTERS.

The splendid reputation which our mines, by reason of the incalculable wealth they have produced and yet contain, enjoy throughout the country has afforded opportunity to conscienceless promoters of wildcat mining companies to shamelessly exploit the investing public. We are dependent, almost wholly, upon outside capital for the development of our mines, and unless some effort is made on the part of the state to protect the investor against the operations of this class of brigands, we cannot expect longer to retain the confidence of those who have contributed so largely to our prosperity. Simple justice to the investor, to say nothing of a loftier motive, the good name of the state, requires the enactment of a stringent law for the protection of investors in mining securities. I realize the difficulties you will encounter in drafting a law that will effectually suppress the wildcatter, without seriously embarrassing the legitimate operator.

STATE MINE INSPECTOR.

The occupation of the miner is a hazardous one, even when every precaution is taken to guard against accidents in mines. It too often happens that overzeal on the part of mine managers to keep down expense accounts results in failure to properly safeguard the health and lives of their employees. It is the duty of the state to compel mine operators to observe such rules in the working of their mines as will insure the fullest protection possible to the health and lives of the workmen in their employ, and I earnestly recommend that the legislature enact a law providing for the appointment of a state mine inspector, conferring upon that official sufficient power to properly enforce his orders.



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CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to express the hope that the legislature will proceed with as much dispatch as possible to the consideration of the measures coming before it and will not defer action, as too often is the case, to the latter end of the session. There is no good reason to be advanced for frittering away the first three or four weeks of the session and then working overtime the remainder of the session. It is a notorious fact that in the closing hours of every session the legislature is deluged with bills, good, bad and indifferent, and it is impossible for it to give these measures the consideration required, or for the executive to examine them with the thoroughness the best interests of the state demands.

I wish to state to the legislature that I have every confidence in your loyalty to the people of Nevada and your ability to work successfully for their welfare, and to express the hope that the executive and legislative branches will act in frank and harmonious accord during this session; both in striving to build up the imperial domain of our splendid commonwealth, and to confer real, lasting benefits on its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
DENVER S. DICKERSON,
Acting and Lieutenant Governor.

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CARD PARTY LAST EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ackerman entertained a few friends at a card party at their home last evening on Arizona street. The evening was spent in cards and music. The lady's first prize was won by Mrs. George Strosnider; the ladies' booby prize by Mrs. Hudson, and the gent's by Vic Smith. After cards dainty refreshments were served. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Swasey, George Strosnider, Leo Merten, M. Devine, J. Balliet; Mesdames Hudson, Brann, Uren; Misses Abble Strosnider, D. Nebendahl, Alice Walsh of Gold Hill; Messrs. Quick, V. Smith, Jukum, P. Hertell, C. Hertell.

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